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EMPLOYMENT OF ROTAVIRUS

PROTEINS, DERIVED

PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES FOR THE MODULATION OF TISSUE

PERMEABILITY

Examiner

Unknown

Group Art Unit

Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. National Phase application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.